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SUBJECT: GDR PRIME MINISTER VISITS INDIA

REF: (A) BERLIN 2149 (NOTAL); (B) NEW DELHI 16103 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN SINDERMANN
RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM PRIME MINISTER GANDHI, OTHER
GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND THE INDIAN PRESS DURING AN OFFICIAL VISIT
HERE NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 3. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED
TO ESTABLISH A JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AND CONCURRED IN AN OFFICIAL
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COMMUNIQUE WHICH "STRONGLY OPPOSED STRENGTHENING" FOREIGN

BASES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN "LIKE THE ONE ON DIEGO GARCIA."
END SUMMARY.

1. GDR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CHAIRMAN SINDERMANN
VISITED INDIA NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 3 AT THE HEAD OF A
39-MAN ENTOURAGE WHICH INCLUDED STATE SECRETARY GRUENHEID
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS WILLERDING, AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
CLAUSNITZER. THE VISIT WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL, BUT PROVIDED
OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME GENERAL EXCHANGES ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION,
AND RESULTED IN A COMMUNIQUE ASSERTING "A REMARKABLE CLOSENESS
OF VIEWS HELD BY THE TWO COUNTRIES" ON INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS.
IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, MRS. GANDHI ACCEPTED
AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE GDR AT AN UNSPECIFIED DATE,
AND SHE INVITED SEP FIRST SECRETARY HONECKER TO VISIT
INDIA. DURING HIS STAY IN DEC 8, WHICH WAS EXTENSIVELY

COVERED BY THE PRESS, SINDERMANN ALSO HELD TALKS WITH THREE CPI LEAD-
ERS.

2. BEFORE LEAVING DELHI DECEMBER 1 FOR THREE DAYS OF
TOURISM IN AGRA, HYDERABAD AND LUCKNOW, THE EAST GERMANS
SIGNED AN AGREEMENT CREATING A JOINT COMMISSION
ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THE
INDIAN CHAIRMAN WILL BE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND CIVIL
SUPPLIES PAI. THE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY CALLS FOR ANNUAL
CONSULTATIONS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO REVIEW BILATERAL
DEVELOPMENTS IN INDUSTRY, TRADE, AGRICULTURE, SHIPPING,
ELECTRONICS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PLANNING, AND OTHER
FIELDS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. THE FIRST JOINT COMMISSION
SESSION WILL BE HELD IN 1975 AT A PLACE AND DATE YET TO
BE SET. A SEPARATE GDR DELEGATION THAT VISITED DELHI
NOVEMBER 18-22 HAD ALREADY NEGOTIATED THE BILATERAL TRADE
PLANS FOR 1975, LEAVING LITTLE ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE TO BE
TAKEN UP BY SINDERMANN AND HIS AIDES.

3. AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE COMMUNIQUE WAS THE IOZP
FORMULATION, WHICH WENT FURTHER THAN THE LANGUAGE IN THE
INDO-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE AGREED TO BY BREZHNEV AND MRS.
GANDHI IN NOVEMBER 1973. THE TWO SIDES NOT ONLY DECLARED
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THAT THE CREATION OF THE IOZP WOULD BE "A POSITIVE STEP
TOWARDS REDUCTION OF TENSIONS" BUT CALLED FOR THE
"ABOLITION OF ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND
STRONGLY OPPOSED STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING BASES LIKE THE
ONE ON DIEGO GARCIA." THE GDR ALSO "NOTED WITH SATIS-
FACTION" THE GOI'S STATEMENT THAT INDIA WILL USE NUCLEAR
TECHNOLOGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND BOTH SIDES CONCURRED
IN ASIAN COOPERATION LANGUAGE CALLING FOR "PEACE AND

STABILITY ... THROUGH THE COMMON EFFORTS OF ALL STATE
IN THIS CONTINENT," A FORMULATION WHICH DID HEW CLOSELY
TO THE 1973 INDO-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE.

4. COMMENT: TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE IOZP FORMULATION MARKS
THE FIRST OCCASION THE GOI HAS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO
DIEGO GARCIA BY NAME IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. THE MEA
OFFICIAL WITH WHO WE SPOKE DECEMBER 5, AND WHO WAS RESPON-
SIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE DURING THE VISITS
BY SINDERMANN, HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER FOCK (NOVEMBER 21-26,
NEW DELHI 16103--NOTAL), AND CZECHOSLOVAK PRIME MINISTER
STROUGAL (DECEMBER 2-8), PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHETHER THIS
WAS IN FACT THE CASE. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE GDR
DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WAS BY FAR THE MOST "EXTREME" OF THOSE
PROPOSED BY THE RECENT EAST EUROPEAN VISITORS,
BOTH IN TERMS OF RHETORIC AND IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT. HE
ADDED THAT THE GOI HAD SOUGHT INDIAN OCEAN LANGUAGE
CALLING FOR AN END TO "BIG-POWER RIVALRY", BUT THE GDR
NEGOTIATORS BALKED AND A "WATERED-DOWN" COMMUNIQUE THUS
RESULTED.
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